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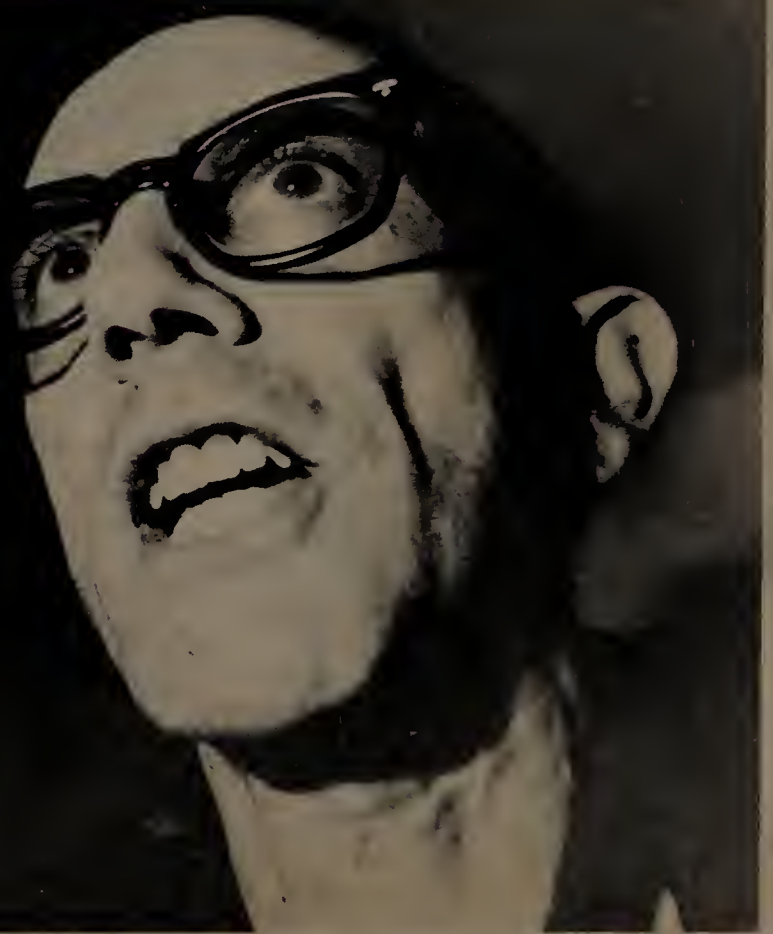
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Neighbors battle Bon Secours

Story by Andrew Coburn

Photographs by Tom Meade

John DiBenedetto of Methuen says he has been pressured, propositioned, intimidated, and sweet-talked by those pushing for construction of a \$1.1 million building for doctors and dentists next to Bon Secours Hospital.

He says the experience has left him angry, frustrated, sleepless and more determined than ever to stand his ground.

DiBenedetto is spokesman for nine other Methuen residents who live in the Brook Street area near the hospital and have filed an appeal in Superior Court against a zoning board decision permitting construction of the building in a residential zone.

Bon Secours Hospital trustees, represented by Atty. John Fenton Jr. and hospital director William L. Lane, initiated the zoning petition, but the building would be privately owned by a Boston-based firm, Health System Inc., in conjunction with a number of unnamed doctors and dentists, whose spokesman is Dr. James O'Shea, a local pediatrician.

DiBenedetto says that he and protesting abutters have nothing against Bon Secours improving or enlarging its facilities.

"What we don't like," he says, "is the hospital trustees, for whatever their reasons, leasing land to a corporation and to doctors for their private profit. This building has nothing to do with patient care at the hospital. It's strictly a money-making thing, and any other reason given is just talk."

DiBENEDETTO CHARGES that he and another abutter, Victor Cirella, 40 Brook St., were given the word through their attorney, Jean Campopiano that the hospital was willing to buy their houses for double their value.

"This is what happened," says DiBenedetto. "About three weeks ago Fenton and Lane from the hospital set up a meeting with my lawyer, and after it's over, my lawyer comes to see me and Cirella, and tells me that my house is valued for \$50,000 and I can sell right now for \$100,000."

"He tells Cirella his house is valued for \$45,000 and he can sell it for \$90,000."

"He asks us if we want to. We tell him, 'No way.'"

Said Cirella to the Journal: "We got the word (from Campopiano) that the hospital wanted to get this thing (the court appeal) over with and would settle at any cost."

Contacted by the Journal, Campopiano said that he could not discuss his meeting with Fenton and Lane because basically it was a meeting between two lawyers, him and Fenton, and that what was said was privileged.

Campopiano did say, however, that the figures (\$100,000 and \$90,000) given to DiBenedetto and Cirella were suppositional.

He said that Lane and Fenton met with him in "a friendly manner because they didn't want the matter to go to court."

Lane denies that any figures were mentioned during his and Fenton's meeting with Campopiano.

Says Lane: "All that John (Fenton) asked was whether Di Benedetto was happy with his home in that particular location, and he simply suggested that if DiBenedetto wasn't happy, the hospital might be able to help and maybe even negotiate a price for it."

Lane says that specific details were not discussed with Campopiano but that in private he and Fenton discussed the possibility of buying the

two houses in question because "they could easily be resold."

Lane says they discussed a method of buying the houses through three appraisals — one by the homeowner at the hospital's expense, one by the hospital, also at the hospital's expense; and an independent appraisal with the expense shared by the hospital and the homeowners.

LANE CHARGES that the hospital was in the area long before the abutters, and that the abutters should have known when they bought their houses that the hospital would grow.

"If they can't come to grips with the hospital and all that the hospital means to the community, then maybe they should move to another community."

DiBenedetto says that he built his house with his own hands 15 years ago and planted every shrub and tree that is on the property, and that he doesn't intend to move "because of some profit-sharing scheme being passed off as in the greater interest of the hospital."

DiBENEDETTO CHARGES that he has been visited a couple of times by Dr. O'Shea who, he says, has tried to sweet-talk him into accepting the private professional building.

DiBenedetto says that O'Shea told him that a few years ago Dr. George LeMaitre Jr. had a plan for a similar building, but that the plan failed.

Dr. O'Shea, according to DiBenedetto, told him: "Now, with this new plan, everyone would be sharing the gravy."

He says that O'Shea told him that if he persisted in the court suit against the building, he

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would be setting medical facilities back at least five years in Greater Lawrence.

Said Dr. O'Shea to the Journal: "I don't understand why DiBenedetto is in such opposition. I know him well. He's a patient of mine." (Dr. O'Shea is a children's doctor and is the DiBenedetto's children's physician, according to the family.)

O'Shea says the proposed building represents no financial bonanza to the investors.

"What it does mean," he says, "is a tax break for doctors, a write-off because they'll be partial owners and paying about \$8 a square foot for office space when the average in the area is \$5."

The main purpose of the building, O'Shea says, is to attract younger doctors to the area because of "the tremendous shortage of doctors, particularly general practitioners, internists and pediatricians."

DiBENEDETTO CHARGES that he has gotten subtle pressure about his suit against Bon Secours Hospital from Raytheon in Andover, where he and Cirella work — DiBenedetto as an electrician and Cirella as a maintenance electronics technician.

He says that twice he was called to the office of Paul F. Donoghue (at the time facilities manager, and now operations manager). Donoghue, says DiBenedetto, told him that plant manager Joseph Glasser was concerned about his "spending so much money on legal fees in fighting the medical building, which was going to go up anyway."

Glasser is a trustee of Bon Secours.

"I was told," says DiBenedetto, "that I could not possibly afford fighting the case, and I told



Victor Cirella, abutter

Donoghue that, if I had to, I would sell my house."

DiBENEDETTO CHARGES that Bon Secours Hospital is now resorting to another way to get the private professional building constructed.

He refers to a legal notice that appeared last week in the daily newspaper.

Scheduled for Oct. 15 in the planning board office is a public hearing for creating a new zoning district in Methuen — a hospital district.

Under such a proposal, Bon Secours trustees could more or less construct anything they deemed necessary for the well-being of the hospital — including a private office building.

"It's a ruse," charges DiBenedetto, "and what kills me is that a hospital district would turn Bon Secours into a private compound where anything could be built, even apartments or a big cafeteria-type restaurant."

DiBenedetto says that the daily newspaper, the Eagle-Tribune, merely published a legal ad, which few people read, and ignored the need for a news story on a major matter.

"I'm aware that Irving Rogers, publisher of the paper, is a trustee of Bon Secours," says DiBenedetto.

Hospital director Lane says that the new proposal does allow for the construction of the office building, but that "the proposal is coincidental with the controversy."

Dr. O'Shea says he knows nothing of the proposal to create a hospital district.

DiBenedetto, in the meantime, is rounding up signatures on a petition to fight it.

Health Systems Inc.

Bon Secours Hospital director William L. Lane says that the idea for a professional office building came some time ago from several doctors on the Bon Secours staff, and that the proposal was put to hospital trustees.

The decision, says Lane, was that such a building would provide Bon Secours with a better and more readily accessible medical staff.

"That," says Lane, "was the prime motivation."

He says that Health Systems Inc. was chosen to design the building by the hospital.

Principals of Health Systems are Robert Devore, president, and Robert Bland, vice president, each residents of Greater Boston. The firm is at 53 State St. in Boston.

Devore, says Lane, is in his early 30's, has a high reputation in his field, and is a graduate of Harvard University and Harvard Graduate School. He was, says Lane, the youngest full-partner to be named to the hospital architectural firm of Perry, Dean and Stewart.

The financial arrangement for the proposed building, says Lane, would be the responsibility of the Health Systems Inc. and the doctors and dentists involved.

The doctors and dentists remain unnamed, says Lane, because they have lease agreements where they, at present, maintain offices.

No doctor could move into the office building, says Lane, unless he was a member in good standing on the Bon Secours staff.

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Face of Greater Lawrence

Joe Coletta of Lawrence has watched the years drift by for a long while. His face is known. It's a Lawrence face, full of experience, full of years. It's a face that endures, prevails — like Lawrence.

(Dana Cahoon photo)



Johnny Biafore

His face wears the woes of his fights

By JACK WARK

You look at Johnny Biafore and know he's been knocked around.

His face wears the effects of countless punches, maybe 25,000, maybe 50,000— who knows?

His nose is squashed, the result of a blow in the fifth round of a 10-round fight, which he somehow managed to finish.

His forehead is a cliff collapsing over his eyes and his ears are cauliflowers— reminders of his five years as a boxer.

It started when Biafore, now in his 50's and a stock clerk at Honeywell in Lawrence, was a teenager, the son of Italian immigrants, and trying to make it through high school in his hometown of Clarksburg, West Va.

"Times were so hard," he recalled, his voice remarkably soft for a man whose life included so much violence. "I wanted to go to high school, but my parents were so poor they needed me to make money. So I did. I boxed my way through school."

It was natural, he said, to turn to boxing, rather than some other job, for income.

"I knew I could fight. I grew up in a place where there were lots of black kids and hillbillies and all kinds of people, and there were always fights. Somebody would call me a dago-this or a dago-that, or somebody else would get called something else, and there'd be a fight. And I always did good in the fights."

The start of his boxing career came when he was 17. He went against a college student named

Bill Myers in a scheduled three-rounder at a place in West Virginia called Fairmont. About 300 fans watched. Biafore kayoed his opponent in the opening round and, for his win, collected \$2.50.

"I thought 'here I go,' " he said. "I decided boxing would be my career and that I was headed for big money. It didn't work out that way."

The end, or at least the beginning of the end came some 70 fights later when Biafore, who generally fought in the 150 to 160 weight class, ran into one Ralph Zannelli of Providence, R.I.

"I'll never forget that guy," said Biafore. "He gave me a good beating, a beating I never got over. He broke my nose in the fifth round. I went the full 10 rounds but after that fifth round I didn't go on anything but nerve and a fear of not finishing. I didn't let him knock me down but I guess maybe I should have."

"It was pretty bad. I made \$300 on the fight but gave it all to the doctors."

Biafore fought four more times, losing all four, before finally calling it quits in 1938.

"That Zannelli tight was the one that finished me," he said. "It's funny the way things work out. I saw him (Zannelli) a few years ago in Providence. He works for the city there. At first he didn't remember me. Maybe that's the way it is. You don't remember the guys you finish, only the guys who finish you. It's nothing personal though. Zannelli was a classy fighter."

Along the way to the end of

the line, Biafore said, he enjoyed much, hit some high points, and learned plenty.

There was his nickname, "The Clarksburg Windmill," pinned on him because of his swarming, wade-in and slug-it-out style.

There was the night, early in his career, that he beat Billy Conn, who went on to become middleweight champion of the world.

There was the night he nearly beat Ezzard Charles, who went on to become one of the top heavyweights of the 1950's.

And there was the glamor of fighting in New York City and there were the thousand dollar purses every once in awhile and the trips to the West Coast and the rubbing of elbows with big names like Tony Gallento, Gene Tunney and Jack Dempsey.

And there was his deep friendship with Andy Callahan, probably the best boxer ever to come out of Lawrence and the first Lawrence resident killed in World War II.

"Boxing gave me way too little money and way too much punishment but I don't regret it," said Biafore. "I learned a

lot about the world, about how rough it can be but also about how many good people there are in it."

And now Biafore, who settled in Lawrence some 30 years ago, lives with his wife, Adeline, at their 13 Bradford St. home. He said he spends much of his time thinking about how good his life has turned out, with, he said, a good wife and two fine children.

For exercise, he said he walks.

"It's less punishing than boxing," he said.



JOHNNY BIAFORE (Tom Meade photo)

THE OCTOBER SUN is sweet—warming up old knees in readiness for the cold ahead—sweet without scorching bald heads—good to sit in the Lawrence Common—even if it is lonesome sometimes. The October sun in its bride-blue sky is friendly at least. (Dana Cahoon Photo)



Accent on Methuen

Robert Reich, conservation commission chairman, says he isn't concerned by a "possible oversight" on the part of the commission which may permit a developer to proceed with already-rejected plans for the Bloody Brook area.

Mrs. Carolyn Gettings, a spokesman for a group which strives to prevent flood problems in Methuen, says she is "very concerned" by the situation.

At issue are the plans of Richard Richter, a Methuen developer whose proposal to build duplexes in an eight-acre parcel in the Bloody Brook area was rejected after an Aug. 20 conservation commission hearing. Richter now claims that the commission's rejection of his plans has been rendered meaningless by the commission's failure to notify him of its decision within a specified time period.

"We don't think the situation is alarming," Reich said this week. "We don't agree with him (Richter), but even if he is right and could build, I doubt that he would act irresponsibly."

Mrs. Gettings, whose Butternut Acres Water Committee II represents some 500 residents, expressed disagreement with Reich. "It would be a

very distressing situation if a developer were allowed to proceed with plans by using a technicality as a loophole."

Moreover, Mrs. Gettings said she "heard nothing at the public hearing that indicated Richter's plans could be accomplished in an efficient manner."

Reich said Richter's plans could be acceptable, provided the developer made "some revisions"—such as, Reich said, the inclusion of a more complete evaluation of the area's water table.

Reich, noting that Richter made his contentions in a Sept. 15 letter to the Department of Natural Resources, said the commission had expressed its views in a Sept. 17 letter to the DNR.

"We don't know if he's right or we're right and, apparently, the Department of Natural Resources doesn't either because we've heard nothing from them," said Reich.

After the Aug. 20 hearing, the commission rejected Richter's plans but failed to notify Richter of its decision within 21 days of the hearing. Richter claims that, by law, the commission's failure to do so nullified its decision.

Reich said he feels the commission's decision stands, arguing that its obligation was to make the

decision within 21 days, not notify Richter of that decision.

"We'll have to wait and see who's right," said Reich.

Opposition to Richter's plans is strong among residents of the Bloody Brook area, which is off Jackson Street near East Street. The residents fear the plans may result in flooding in the area.


Confrontation

Expected at an Oct. 10 public hearing is a confrontation between Jackson Street residents, on one side, and Milk and Oak Streets residents, on the other.

The source of friction between the two groups is a petition by Jackson Street residents which seeks to reopen Milk and Oak Streets.

Jackson Street residents contend that they are over-burdened with traffic on their street and that the reopening of the other two streets would alleviate the problem.

Milk and Oak Streets residents say they don't want their streets reopened because, they argue, it would give them much the same problem that Jackson Street residents now face.



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Lawrence High: image fouled

By ANDREW COBURN

Three students have charged that the community has made a mess out of Lawrence High School.

Two of the students are presidents of their class, and all are members of the Student Advisory Council. They say Lawrence High has a reputation that is both bad and false, and the reason for it, they charge, lies not with the students but with the adult population of Lawrence.

They charge that adults have made Lawrence High students ashamed of their own school and, because of the school's evil image, have made it a place where many teachers would never consider applying for a position.

The students are:

ANNIE BRESNAHAN, president of the sophomore class.

TONY DiFRUSCIA, president of the senior class (and nephew of the former state representative of the same name).

LINDA BARANAUSKAS, a senior and a member of the Student Advisory Council.

The attitude of Lawrence at large, says Miss Bresnahan, is that Lawrence High is a tough and frightening place — a blackboard jungle.

That kind of thinking, she says, is based on ignorance.

An example of the ignorance, she says, is the "way people are always talking about the Puerto Rican students. Basically they're nice kids. Sure, some cause trouble, but no more than any other group. I know a lot of Puerto Rican kids, and they make really nice friends."

DiFruscia agrees. "But what happens," he says, "is that if a couple of kids get into an argument, the public treats it as a race riot. Everybody overreacts, and the majority of kids who are good students, doing what they can to get an education, get hurt by the actions of the minority. It's not fair."

"Most of us are good students," says Miss Baranauskas, "but people in the community never look at our good side."

"We're looking for



Tony DiFruscia and Annie Bresnahan

Tom Meade photo

community recognition," she says. "The way things are now, people grimace when you mention Lawrence High. People don't feel we're good enough for a new high school."

All three said that a new high school is mandatory, but the public won't accept that because they view the present school as a jungle.

"Last year," says DiFruscia, "a few people showed up for open-house at the high school and saw fresh paint on the walls and decided that a new school wasn't needed."

Says Miss Bresnahan: "Classrooms are either hot, or they're freezing. Some rooms have broken windows, and some rooms don't have windows at all."

The worse thing about the school, say the students, is the lack of space, which becomes a

major problem at lunch time when the some 17,000 students are separated into four 25-minute lunch periods.

Then, they say, the school is a madhouse, because the cafeteria becomes overcrowded and students spill into the corridors where they shouldn't be, which means that teachers must patrol corridors.

The only other place to go during lunchtime, they say, is into the schoolyard, which is a small plot where teachers park their cars.

"And there's one garbage barrel out there — if you can find it," says Miss Bresnahan. "That means things are thrown on the ground, and the broken glass upsets the teachers because of their cars, and it upsets us too, but there's nowhere for us to go. You can't cage us like animals."

The cafeteria food, she says, is usually not good. "Most of us don't like it. If you have scrambled hamburger one day,

you know what's left over is going to show up tomorrow. And the only thing to drink is milk, and not everybody likes milk. Most of the water bubblers hardly work. So kids skip out. You can't blame them."

All three say that an open campus is needed, but that the public and especially downtown merchants don't want one. Last year there was a semi-open campus, but there was protest against it because, the three suspect, merchants were worried about shoplifting.

"And people get turned off," says DiFruscia, "when they see kids hanging around the school and figure they're skipping class, but the truth is that those kids are usually recent grads or dropouts, and they probably don't have jobs and they're looking for friends."

DiFruscia says that the Lawrence High building looks shabby when compared with

schools in Methuen, Andover, and North Andover.

"We're not saying the building should be torn down," he says, "because we don't think it should. It could be used as a junior high, but it certainly doesn't fit the needs of a city high school."

He says that the headmaster (Peter Smith) and some members of the school committee agree on this, and do what they can to ease the problems, but that, in the long run, they must follow community attitudes — and those attitudes, say the three students, are "like slaps in the face" of the students.

"We need someone to back us," says DiFruscia. "The school committee helps but it can do only so much. Our educational environment is deteriorating. We need help."

"Most of the teachers share our feelings," says Miss Bresnahan. "They need help too."

"People should at least pay a little bit of attention to the good things we do," says Miss Baranauskas. "Those who won L-pins last year were really proud, but they got no publicity. Neither did the National Honor Society winners."

"We're a friendly school despite all the horrible things said about it," says Miss Bresnahan. "And we're a little community. We stick together. I love the atmosphere and the kids. We have a beautiful school spirit, no matter what outsiders say."

Business bad along Rte. 1

Business is bad along Route 1 leading into Boston.

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Demoulas and Labor

BY DAN FITTS

Some local labor leaders are angry with DeMoulas Supermarkets — and not just because of the supermarket chain's refusal to go along with supporters of the United Farm Workers (UFW).

These labor spokesmen — including Ralph Arivella, president of the Greater Lawrence-Haverhill Central Labor Council; John Lang, first vice-president of the GLHCLC; and Richard Croteau, business agent of the Construction Labors Local 175 of Lawrence — say their gripes with DeMoulas go back to long before the UFW dispute. They say the chain has a history of being anti-union.

Telemachus A. ("Mike") DeMoulas of Andover, the owner of the supermarkets, denies his chain is biased against labor.

Arivella and Croteau, both Lawrence residents, say DeMoulas has rarely used union help to build his stores, and Lang of Haverhill says the Meat Cutters' Union, of which he is an official, can't organize DeMoulas workers because they're afraid of losing their jobs for talking about starting a union.

These union officials maintain that the DeMoulas stand in the UFW affair — it is the only major chain in this area that has refused to give in to union demands that it not supply grapes or non-UFW lettuce — is another indication that the chain doesn't care about the worker.

The grape boycott is still in effect, even though the Teamsters and United Farm Workers last Friday agreed to bury the hatchet. Boycott supporters say the growers still need to be convinced to hire only union help.

Croteau and Arivella say most DeMoulas stores have been built under non-union contractors. One exception was the DeMoulas store in the North Andover Mall: construction workers picketed the mall in the mid-1960's until

DeMoulas agreed to use union help, Croteau said.

"A lot of people still have a bad taste in their mouths when they think of all the stores that were built with non-union help," said Croteau. "A lot of workers still won't shop in DeMoulas because of that."

"It's a free country," said DeMoulas when asked about using non-union construction workers. "I believe a man should be able to do whatever he wants as long as he doesn't hurt somebody else."

Lang said the Meat Cutters' Union has wanted to organize in DeMoulas for a long time, but can't because the workers are afraid of losing their jobs. "You can't talk to anyone in there," he said.

Lang said it is true a worker can't be fired for trying to start a union. But he would have to be able to prove that that was why he was fired — and he would need witnesses. "He's not going to get those witnesses in DeMoulas," said Lang. "The people are afraid."

Lang said DeMoulas "puts the fear of God in people when he's mad. He made it good himself, but he tends to forget the average worker maybe doesn't have the pizzazz he has."

"Maybe he feels the unions will tell him how to run his business, but they can't," he said.

Asked about the anti-union charges, DeMoulas replied: "Do they tell you about the \$5 million we set aside for profit sharing?"

At DeMoulas, all workers are given, over and above their salaries, a share of the profits — "a profit sharing system second to none," according to one DeMoulas executive who refused to be quoted. The reason unions don't get started at DeMoulas is because workers realize they're doing better under the profit sharing arrangement than they would under a union, the executive said. He also pointed out that DeMoulas warehouse workers are unionized.

Pam Albright of Lawrence says DeMoulas is anti-union. Ms. Albright, a local organizer of the UFW, has decided — after more than one meeting with DeMoulas — that this attitude is the key to his refusal to support the boycott of non-UFW products.

"I think he has kind of a philosophy of rugged individualism," she said. "I think if he figures he can make it up from a corner market to a 15-store chain then anyone else can. I think he prides himself on being the only chain about here that is not supporting us."

Two other theories have been offered to explain DeMoulas' lack of support of the boycott. One, given by DeMoulas himself, is that his supermarkets above all want to serve the customers, to give them a full choice of foods. "Our main obligation is to Mrs. Consumer," DeMoulas told the Journal. The UFW affair was a dispute on the other side of the country between two unions, and "we've tried very hard to mind our own business" and keep the customers satisfied, he said.

The other theory was offered by Father Philip LaPlante, the area's Episcopal Vicar. Father LaPlante, together with two other religious leaders, met a while back with DeMoulas for two and a half hours, trying to convince him to support the boycott. Father LaPlante said DeMoulas told him he couldn't support the boycott because of "pressure" he was getting from the Teamsters.

DeMoulas declined comment on Father LaPlante's statement and refused to say whether he had been pressured by the Teamsters or anyone else opposed to the UFW.

Ms. Albright said picketers plan to stand outside the DeMoulas store on Essex Street in Lawrence this week and — joined by members of the Greater Lawrence-Haverhill Central Labor Council — will picket the DeMoulas in Haverhill later this month.

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North Andover families organize field service

A group of North Andover families are adding their part to international understanding. And they are doing it without being world travelers.

About 15 families have formed a local American Field Service (AFS) group which sponsors the exchange of students from one country to another.

The North Andover AFS is in its second year, and will qualify next summer to send one of its town students to a foreign country for a year. The student will live with a foreign family for a year, as Denis Falconet of France is now living this year with Atty. John

J. Willis and his family of Waverly Road.

Bruce Klein from New Zealand was the town's first exchange student. He spent the year with the William Birch family of Farnum Street and became a brother, says Mrs. Birch, to the family of six girls and one boy.

"We learned a lot from each other," says Mrs. Birch, president of the North Andover AFS program. "Americans tend to think that all English-speaking countries, as New Zealand is, have the same customs, but we found out that is not true at all."

The biggest adjustments for a

visiting student are probably the little things, says Mrs. Birch, such as meal times, slang, and food. "We really frightened Bruce," she says, "when we put up a Christmas wreath. In New Zealand wreaths are used only when there is a death in the family."

Because it is the little, everyday things that sometimes make a year's stay with strangers difficult, the rest of the AFS group helps, says Mrs. Birch. "It gives the student other people to talk to—get a different view of things. After all, one family could not possibly represent all Americans," she says.

Although North Andover is new to the program, AFS has been around since 1946 says Mrs. Birch. The national organization says that over 65,000 students have been exchanged throughout the world with the exception of Soviet countries.

Host families and students are paired by the national organization. "Matches are usually according to temperament," says Mrs. Birch. "We don't match color or religion, but we would not put a student who is used to a

highly structured family life with a family that lives casually for instance," says Mrs. Birch.

Mrs. Birch likes the AFS idea. "It is a one-to-one project in people understanding each other. It is probably one of the most important things we can do for ourselves," says Mrs. Birch "understand each other."

Mrs. Birch says the AFS group would like more families to know about AFS and she has invited interested people to its meeting Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in North Andover High School.



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Fish kill in Spicket

Methuen Councilman John F. Albis is awaiting a report from the state on the cause of a large fish kill in Methuen's Spicket River.

Paul Mungford of the Department of Fish and Game says that the fish have been taken by the Division of Water Pollution and Control to be analyzed.

Mungford says, however, that it is often difficult to

determine the cause of a fish kill. Thousands of tests may be run, he says, before the cause of death can be pinpointed.

Mungford says that it is unlikely that the kill was caused by malathion, an insecticide that was sprayed by plane two weeks ago in an effort to kill encephalitis-carrying mosquitoes. He says the most likely cause of death was industrial pollution.

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Editorials



The Burke's scapegoat

At last local officials seem to have settled on a scapegoat for the planned closing of the Burke Hospital—Gov. Francis Sargent.

The governor fills the role almost perfectly. It's a wonder the local boys did not think of him sooner because the odds are great for them and terrible for him.

First off, he is Republican, and Lawrence is a Democratic city, which almost automatically places him at a disadvantage.

Then there is the fact that Sargent is far enough removed from the city's affairs that he cannot defend himself each time some Lawrence official sticks him in the back, which is another disadvantage for Sargent.

And there is the image thing, the illusion, dispensed by local officials, that each time one of them goes after the governor, it is a David and Goliath situation, which certainly is not the case. In truth, any local official who attacks Sargent in the name of keeping the Burke open, is at a distinct advantage. For it is apparent that Lawrence people, in general, want the Burke saved and the local official can play to that sentiment and, at the same time, portray Sargent as the insensitive outsider.

Finally, he's got the legislature against him, the House and Senate having voted this week to keep the hospital open and to authorize renovations which would correct health and safety deficiencies at the hospital.

What Lawrence officials are doing is a lot of baloney.

If, as the State Public Health Department has ordered, the Burke closes, it won't be Sargent's fault. You can't blame the governor if he refuses to go

along with a move to maintain a facility which doesn't meet minimal health and safety requirements.

The blame lies here in Lawrence.

It lies with past and present mayors and city council members, who over the years permitted the city's chronic health care facility to deteriorate to its currently unacceptable condition.

It lies with Burke trustees, who remained silent while that deterioration occurred.

And it lies with Burke administrators who also said nothing while the hospital slid toward its unsafe, unsound condition.

Where were the ones now rapping Sargent when something might have been done to rectify the situation at the Burke and thereby stave off the state order to close it?

When the state, some two years ago, first indicated its view that the hospital should be closed, Mayor John Buckley and City Health Department Director Robert Lippe didn't bat an eye. In fact, they only became active in attempts to save the Burke when, in recent months, it became apparent that public sentiment was mounting against the hospital's closing.

And the same goes for the rest of the city council, the hospital trustees and administrators and area legislators, all of whom are now running about like chickens with their heads cut off and all of whom are trying to convince the public that Lawrence has been victimized by a state-level sneak attack.

There was no sneak attack.

What happened was that for years Lawrence officials, past and present, were insensitive to the needs of the Burke and that insensitivity may end up being the disease that kills the Burke.

Grapevine

It would be difficult for Mayor John Buckley, Lawrence's ranking Democrat, ever to support Atty. Gen. Robert Quinn for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

People who know Buckley say he hasn't forgotten that back in the 1960's when he sought the Democratic nomination for state treasurer, Quinn helped croak his chances by pushing Boston area delegates into the camp of Buckley's opponent for the nomination, Robert Crane, who now is the state treasurer.

At the time he did his number on Buckley, Quinn was State House majority whip and a hatchet-man for then-House Speaker John Thompson, who wanted Crane as treasurer.

But, then, sources close to the Lawrence mayor say it also would be difficult for him to go for Quinn's apparent opponent for the 1974 nomination, Michael Dukakis. They say Dukakis is simply too liberal to suit Buckley.

The significance of Buckley's dilemma would be wiped out of course if he were to lose this year's mayor's race to Atty. Albert Previte because without the mayor's office Buckley is just one vote and not the city's ranking Democrat.

Dems for Sarge

Meanwhile, several well-known local Democrats, feeling that a choice between Quinn and Dukakis is no choice, have allied themselves with Republican Gov. Francis Sargent and have volunteered to help run his 1974 campaign in Greater Lawrence. Among them are Donald Kiley, the outspoken LHA member; Lawrence Conlin, a Lawrence businessman; Gerry DiMauro, a businessman from Lawrence; and Ronald Parino, operator of a Methuen service station.

Tsongas, who's he?

Paul Tsongas, the Middlesex County commissioner who's interested in the 1974 Fifth Congressional District Democratic nomination, is moving to gain political weight in Greater Lawrence.

To date, Tsongas, a 33-year-old Lowell liberal, has conferred with such Greater Lawrence politicians as Mayor Buckley, former State Rep. Anthony DiFrancia and Alderman Robert Lippe, all of Lawrence, and Methuen State Rep. Nicholas Buglione.

"In general, their reaction to me as a possible congressional candidate has been favorable," says Tsongas.

Last week, John Kerry of Lowell, the 1972 Democratic nominee, reacted skeptically to the idea of Tsongas being next year's nominee, claiming that "nobody even knows him out in the Lawrence area."

Tsongas' response: "I'll work to make myself known in places where I'm not known."

Anti-garage plot?

Defenders of the downtown parking garage say they don't like to broach their suspicions for fear of sounding paranoid. A prevalent suspicion, they say, is that there's a plot to sabotage business at the 2 million dollar facility, built during the administration of Lawrence's previous mayor, Daniel Kiley.

Why else, they ask, would the LRA permit hundreds of cars to park free on an LRA-owned lot at Essex and Franklin Streets, located less than three blocks from the garage? And why else, they ask, would the LRA, in cahoots with the city council, permit establishment of a parking lot on Common Street, less than two blocks from the garage?

Hurrell

A source of bewilderment to some is what happened to that bright political future that appeared in store for State Rep. James Hurrell, a Democrat whose district includes North Andover and a large chunk of Andover. Hurrell seems to have gone nowhere since he knocked Paul Cronin, now a congressman, out of the rep's seat in 1970.

Takesian

Methuen residents say that Town Councilor Raffi Takesian has been seeking them out to deny that he's planning a 1974 run against State Rep. Buglione—which, as almost everyone knows, is one of the first things any potential candidate does.

Editorial points

Planners in Salem, N.H., say they don't like it, but there's nothing they can do about it. The issue revolves around Martin Garabedian's intention to build a three-sided office building on a triangle of land at Route 28 and Hampshire Road. A number of residents in Salem have been heard to sigh that Route 28 already looks like a circus of construction, and a three-sided building will be perfectly at home.

The grumbling you may hear when passing through Salem, N.H., is over the town's school board ruling that a child must be six years old by Sept. 30 in order to enter the first grade. It means that a child who turns six on Oct. 1 is nearly seven years old by the time he starts school.



Alderman Reming

It's commendable that Alderman Richard Reming, director of public property, is still trying to speed up the zoning board of appeals.

More than a month ago, Reming rapped the zoning board, charging that it took entirely too long to issue decisions on petitions for building permits from Lawrence taxpayers.

The fact that other city officials have failed to join Reming's push for faster zoning board action hasn't stalled the alderman's efforts. He is still at it, still trying to prod the zoning board into giving the taxpayer better service, quicker service.

And for that, Reming deserves credit.

Methuen critics

Critics of Methuen's newly-instituted council form of government might be wise to recall that there was plenty of turmoil when the town was run by a board of selectmen.

There's no doubt that council business often is snarled by confusion, cabals and a general ineffectiveness.

But, then, the same held true when selectmen governed. In fact, the

confusion, cabals and ineffectiveness which afflicted the selectmen were at times, more pronounced and more damaging to Methuen than anything yet perpetrated by the council.

The point is that criticism of the council should be tempered by a comparison to what occurred in the past.

And a lesson to be learned might be that things aren't any worse today than they were yesterday.

The bell ringer

Did you know when one of our Lawrence election candidates first read about the Watergate burglaries, he rushed to see if any of his important papers were stolen. Then he remembered something. He doesn't have any important papers.

My Methuen cousin who owns a Toronado cries quietly every time he hears the automobile ad that says: "The fact you're driving a Toronado never completely leaves your mind." Because he just found out about the Environmental Protection Agency tests which showed Toronado down at the bottom of the list, getting only 6.8 miles on a gallon of gasoline. And he can't get it out of his mind.

After considerable observation, I think it's time we returned to the old system of publishing just the picture of the bride.

Such big news that Massachusetts residents who reach 18 no longer need parental permission to marry. My father gave me permission when I was 14 and I didn't even ask.

A Lawrence source who sells the stuff swears Providence has the highest per capita sales of louse remedies in the U.S. Just in case you're considering sending your kid to Brown.

If a highly scientific sampling of recent reader mail is any sort of yardstick, the overriding question on most Lawrence residents' minds nowadays is: What can I do to protect myself against the excessive excitement caused by the city's upcoming primary election? The widespread concern isn't hard to understand, especially on the part of those who don't like beans.

You know what I'd really like to see? I'd like to see David Eisenhower break into the White House and steal the tapes.

The Space Administration wants to put women into orbit and I've got a couple on my list they're welcome to. First is the miserable witch who pushes in front of me at the supermarket speed check out counter with 30 items even though the sign says eight's the limit. Second is the dolt at the cash register who lets her through.

If NASA needs someone to ride on the outside of the space ship, I'll send them any one of a thousand meathead husbands who drive their wives bongo by tagging along to the market to squeeze the tomatoes and study each purchase as if it were the investment of the century. She ought to go along with him to the tavern and count his beers.

At a time when good news isn't easy to come by, one small cheery note is offered by Brandeis University: its center for the study of violence is going out of business because our nation has simmered down. The branch office next to my upstairs bathroom will remain open indefinitely, however.

Did you know some of those stuffy-looking executive types on Essex Street are carrying lunch boxes made up to look like an attache case? They're put out by King-Seeley Thermos Co. if you doubt me. Or need one.

I don't believe for a minute that half the money pledged in those fund-raising telethons ever is actually paid. Especially, the political ones.

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The Lawrence primary

Of Tuesday's seven preliminary elections, only the outcome of one is in doubt—the health and charities election.

The other six are cut and dried, either because they have fewer candidates than there are nominations available or because of the obviously superior strength of certain candidates.

The health and charities race, however, is difficult to figure. Five are running for two nomination spots: Robert Lippe, the incumbent alderman; Anthony Carelli, a city sanitation department employee; Arthur Desjardins, a city health department foreman; Wallace Hager, a city firefighter; and Raymond Murphy, a state employee.

Lippe and Desjardins rate as the best bets to emerge as the nominees—Lippe mainly for reasons involving his incumbency, and Desjardins mainly because he's got a broader base of support than either Carelli, Hager or Murphy.

The advantages of being the incumbent can hardly be exaggerated. First, Lippe's two years in office have given him plenty of exposure, plenty of publicity, most of it favorable.

Probably just as important is that as health and charities boss, Lippe, obviously, has been the holder of power—which has enabled him, as it does all politicians, to build up campaign cash and a political organization.

Then there's the fact that Lippe has served only one term. Lawrence voters have a distinct history of giving the people they elect at least two terms, perhaps a reflection of some inherent fairness on the part of the voters, a reflection of the feeling that any elected official deserves more than a single two-year term to show what he or she can do.

Several factors account for Desjardins having a broader power base than either Carelli, Hager or Murphy. But the principal one is that he put together support during his respectable 1971 run for the health and charities post; kept that support alive by inserting himself in various public issues over the past two years; and has been making a high-powered, city-wide bid during the present campaign.

Both Lippe and Desjardins, however, have clear weaknesses which muddle the situation and might boost the chances of Carelli, Hager and Murphy, each of whom has obvious strengths.

It's true that Lippe has committed no outrageous blunders and that he isn't bound to drown in any particular issue. But it's also true that his time in office has been far short of a dazzling success—the municipal incinerator is still polluting the area; the trash disposal crisis has worsened; city employees, at various points, have defied Lippe, making him look at best foolish and at worst weak; landlords continue to snub municipal housing and sanitary codes with relative impunity; and Lippe has reversed himself on the Burke Hospital issue, first accepting plans to close it and now, under public pressure, claiming that he's been fighting to keep it open.

More significantly, though, Lippe has altered his style since 1970 when he hit the political scene like a stand-up guy, the sort who would champion the underdog against the bigshots of Lawrence politics, such as then-Mayor Daniel Kiley. Since taking office, he has rarely, if ever, questioned the moves of Mayor Buckley or any other city council member. Moreover, he has

gone along, rather docilely, with the kind of chicanery he once yelped about—such as secret votes; jobs for political cronies; political power plays and acts of political vengeance.

Desjardins' major weakness is that he tends to come across, at times, as a negative candidate; as little more than one more disgruntled city employee; as a candidate who's only in the race because he's at odds with his boss, who of course is Lippe.

Another of Desjardins' troubles is that he has already run once against Lippe and lost, which wipes out any chance of Desjardins portraying himself as a fresh face.

Finally, Desjardins, like most candidates in Lawrence, has been rather feeble in exploiting the issues. True, he talks about the incinerator situation, the need for increased efficiency among city employees, the Burke Hospital issue and so on. But his talk, in general, lacks positive direction.

Thus, while Lippe and Desjardins are the favorites, it's impossible to write off Carelli, Hager and Murphy as sure losers.

Carelli, being the only Italo-American in the race, could cop a nomination on the strength of an ethnic vote and his personable, earthy manner.

Hager, a relative unknown in city politics, could translate the "new-face" routine into a win.

And then there is the volatile Murphy, who, for years, has delighted a segment of Lawrencians with his unruly anti-establishment antics. And now he's got an issue: The Burke Hospital, which, in his typically wild and blustery manner he's fighting to keep open.

Other Races

MAYOR: John Buckley, the incumbent, and Albert Previte, a lawyer and former state senator, should easily win nominations since they are the only two candidates clearly in the race. Mrs. Elaine Conway announced as a candidate and her name will be on the ballot but recently she said she was withdrawing.

ENGINEERING: Since nobody else is running, the two nominees here will be the incumbent, Joseph Markey, and Joseph Salvo, a firefighter running as a sticker candidate.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The incumbent, Alfred Donovan, and Domenic Armano, a police patrolman, are the only candidates and, thus, will be the nominees.

PUBLIC PROPERTY: The incumbent, Richard Reming, is a shoo-in for one nomination with Salvatore Petralia, a retired city employee, rated a heavy favorite to outrun Leo Sirois, a student, for the other nomination.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE: With eight nominations available and only six candidates running, all six will be nominees. The six are: incumbents Edward Callahan, Margaret O'Connor, Carole Schultz and Stephen Zanni and challengers, Evelyn Webb Abisalih, a businesswoman and James Vittoriosio, a teacher.

VO-TECH COMMITTEE: Six nominations are available but only four candidates are running. The four are: incumbents John Ford, Patrick McCarthy and Joseph Sweeney and challenger Albert Blazavitch.

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Sales and profits of the chain have outdone themselves in each of the last 28 years. In the last five years, the sales and profits have doubled, with volume rising from \$41.5 million in fiscal 1969 to \$71.8 million by the end of last April. Shares in the company went from 35 cents to 71 cents each.

Until the mid-sixties, the company's operations were confined mostly to southern New England. It then expanded to New York, New Jersey and in the past year has gone into Maryland, Pennsylvania and Ohio. There are now 378 shops in the chain.

Additional expansion is planned in the Midwest, where 16 new Friendly's will be open by the end of next April. The company plans ultimately to operate coast to coast.

Friendly's approach to food service, and apparently one of the reasons for its financial success, is fast service and limited menus.

The company, whose sales of ice cream account for 60 per cent of total volume and approximately two-thirds of profits, also serves soups, sandwiches and beverages.

Shops are located mainly in suburban areas and are clustered to provide a savings in supervision and delivery.

The company prefers to act as its own general contractor; shops are built in one of five standard colonial designs, with an average construction time of four months. As of last month, 17 new shops were completed, another 17 were under construction and 16 sites for shops had been acquired.

A shop manager is paid according to the profits his shop earns, and most executives in the company are former managers.

The company makes all its own ice cream, syrups and sundae toppings and processes most of its meat.

Its only plant is in Wilbrahan, Mass. Another facility, expected to cost about \$4.5 million, is being planned for Ohio to serve Midwestern operations.

Cumberland Farms to refund

Cumberland Farms dairy store chain has agreed to refund at least \$17,500 to consumers who may have been short-measured up to an ounce of milk when purchasing the plastic half-gallon containers in Massachusetts.

The agreement was signed with members of the Attorney General's office.

The refund will be made by reducing the price on all pasteurized, homogenized milk sold at retail by one cent per container for three weeks from Oct. 9 to Oct. 30.

In addition, Cumberland Farms has agreed to reimburse the state \$10,000 for expenses incurred by the Massachusetts Attorney General's office and the staff of the Division of Standards in connection with their investigation.

A civil complaint was brought by Atty. Gen. Robert H. Quinn against Cumberland last September for alleged short-measuring of plastic milk containers. The suit was dismissed in Norfolk Superior Court a short time later without a hearing on the merits.

Gillette withdraws 2 of its products

The Gillette Co. has stopped shipment and will withdraw from distribution two new antiperspirant products because of "mild inflammatory reactions."

The products were identified as Gillette Right Guard Extra Strength Anti-perspirant and Soft and Dri Extra Strength Anti-perspirant.

Gillette said the anti-perspirants "passed all customary premarket medical tests for eye and skin irritation, ingestion and inhalation."

"But during the course of continuing medical safety testing of these new products, conflicting results were observed. Mild inflammatory reactions, not present in earlier tests, were observed in the second tests."

Gillette said "the limited number of cans now in consumers' hands does not constitute a health hazard." The company said other Right Guard and Soft and Dri products "have been, and continue to be, perfectly safe."

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Some say Lou Marcelle loses his cool and yells and screams.

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But many say he's a fresh breath in a city where news of ten seems stale or stifled. They say he's an ear and a voice for people who can't get satisfaction elsewhere and a kind of one-man forum for the folks—and they would never miss his program.

He is Greater Lawrence's talk-man—host of Hotline, radio station WCCM's most popular program, which follows the noon news and provides time for area residents to let loose with whatever is on their minds.

The program, until a couple of weeks ago, was an hour-show, but management figured it had a good thing going and stretched it to two.

His listeners, he says, are more or less two types—those who will call and talk over the air, and those who will not under any circumstance because they are bashful or fear they'll sound ridiculous.

His callers, he says, are varied. They may be reasonable or unreasonable, logical or illogical, peaceful or angry—"you never know."

He tries to react, he says, with total involvement, to let them know that his time is theirs, a one-to-one situation, even though there's an unseen audience listening.

Some callers, he says, have much to say but as soon as they're on the air, "they lose their guts and what they want to say doesn't come out, and it's my job to put them at ease."

Some of his callers are regulars, he says, and are as much a part of the program as he is, personalities in their own right, callers like Madie O'Neill (A Lawrencean whose voice is deep and distinctive, immediately recognizable), Mary McArdle (who is passionately knowledgeable about a great many things), John Archetti (who once tried to run his dog Heidi in a Lawrence Mayoral race; had the dog qualified and won, she would have become the first female mayor of the city), Ray Murphy (a state employee who, once he gets hold of an issue, won't let go, because he has studied it inside-out).

Some of his callers have axes to grind, political candidates to boost, neighbors to knock, personal causes to push. Marcelle usually tries not to cut them off, but he intervenes with opposing views (that they don't want to hear) and lets them know that he knows that what they have up their sleeves, which often infuriates them or cows them.

Some callers are lonely. "Hello, Lou." As if they have known him all their lives. "How are you, Lou?" And they really want to know, and they judge his health or mood by his voice, because to



Hotline's Lou Marcelle

(Dick Graber photo)

them his voice is his face, which they have created from sound.

Some phone in to needle him, and some call him "Albert" because his name was Albert St. Once until he changed it to Lou Marcelle when he broke into radio some 14 years ago. "I picked Lou Marcelle," he says, "because it's more rhythmic-sounding, and you need that for radio."

His favorite callers, he says, are those who challenge him, who want to argue issues, who want to do verbal battle—"a good old-fashioned argument over the air."

One of his favorite opponents, he says, is Mary McArdle, whom he describes as "one of the toughest cookies you could meet, highly intelligent, highly opinionated."

Some callers take offense when he uses the words "damn" and "hell" in situations he feels those words are needed. Some time ago on the air, he said, "When the hell are we going to get out of Vietnam?" His use of "hell" brought in a flood of complaints.

Once a caller let loose at what she considered the bias of the local press and wanted to know if Marcelle would talk to the publisher of the local daily newspaper and do something about it. Marcelle jokingly said that, as far as he knew, the publisher talked only to God. That brought a scathing letter from the publisher to Marcelle's boss, Curt Gowdy, and a phone call to Marcelle from the publisher's lawyer.

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Danny Lyon photographs in Andover

Ten years of photographs by Danny Lyon are on exhibit in Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, Andover. The exhibit is free to the public.

Lyon made his first "real" photograph—a truck in the desert—on his twentieth birthday in March 1962. This exhibition records a decade of his life since then, a decade of his photographs which become in a remarkable way a mirror of the history of this tempestuous time as well as serving as a private record of the changes undergone by the photographer himself. For Danny Lyon, "photography is reality." It is history and a document of feelings, a sort of preservative applied to people and places. Buildings now demolished remain in a sense extant, and passions spent fruitfully or in futility are caught and suspended.

The twelve sections of this exhibition are arranged in rough chronological order, overlapping in time like shingles on a roof. They block out a pathway of events, experiences—feelings—through the decade. None of the work seen in this exhibition was executed primarily for the use of others, and Lyon has rarely been "on assignment," with instructions to photograph certain things in certain ways. For him, the work he has produced for others, or even on commission, seems somehow to rank lower in the cosmology of feelings with which he surrounds his work than photographs produced first of all for his own needs.

— Thomas H. Garver



Uptown, Chicago. 1965



Santa Marta, Colombia. 1972

Marcelle:

He speaks his mind

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"The best thing about my boss," says Marcelle, "is that he has never tried to program me or curtail me. He wants the show open so that people may speak their minds."

The best thing about Marcelle, say his fans, is that he speaks his mind, that he is not merely a drone in the background. He flies into conversations and gets all worked over such things as the Burke Hospital controversy, Watergate, political conniving and the like.

Says one of his fans: "This what makes Hotline human, makes it alive, you know—makes it shake."

Another fan says: "He thrusts himself into heat of the program. That can be good, and it can be bad. I happen to like it. He and his callers sometimes get into arguments, and a lot of things come out about the community that I wouldn't know otherwise."

Some say the program drags from time to time, with too many boring callers.

Marcelle says he's aware that some callers do come across like lead balloons. "So usually I tell them so. I tell them that we're not getting anywhere on this, so why don't we end it."

His most explosive program, he says, was during the time the brotherhood of Temple Emanuel withdrew its man-of-the-year award from Bill Baird, advocate of abortion and birth control.

Says Marcelle: "I had Baird on the show, and the calls were wild. Baird, who knows just how to time things, said over air, 'I've come to Lawrence to teach you something, to tell you that you're dominated by the Catholic church.'"

After the show, said Marcelle, the station got bomb threats.

Marcelle, 38, has been Hotline host for five years, following such Hotline personalities as Bill Johnson (who now is TV news director in Portland, Maine) and Don Clark (who moved to a radio talk show in Chicago and now has a big show in Pittsburgh).

Marcelle says that some time ago he made a choice about whether to try for the glitter and gelt of big-time radio or to stay in Lawrence at WCCM, a big fish in a little pond.

He chose the latter, he said, because he didn't feel he was cut out for the hustle and hassle of metropolitan media where the rush for ratings is 100 miles an hour.

"I'm a basic person," he says. "I like my six-pack, and my house in Methuen. I like to cut the grass. Simple things."

A Haverhill native, he went to trade school instead of high school and became an electrician. Then he went into the Army where he got involved in radio broadcasting, and that was the end of his days as an electrician.

Out of the Army, he went to a radio school in Boston for a year and then joined WCCM. That was 1958, and he became a disc jockey, and stayed on for a number of years.

"I enjoyed it," he says, "but things have changed since those days. The trend is toward what RKO is doing, bubblegum music, and that's not for me."

At RKO, he says, disc jockeys have less than 10 seconds to talk between records. "The reason," he says, "is to slam in those commercials."

And FM radio depresses him because, he says, it is becoming increasingly electronic and non-human, with programmed music like something piped into a factory to soothe robot workers.

"You could be a DJ for a thousand years on FM," he says, "and no one would ever know who you are."

But having been a DJ, he remains a fan of the good ones. He admires Norm Nathan of WHDH and Dennis Burke of WCCM. He says he likes Nathan's easy wit and warm style and Dennis Burke's strong professional voice—qualities, he says, that make radio human.

Suit is filed against federal power agency

US Rep. Michael J. Harrington (D-Mass.) has filed suit against the Federal Power Commission (FPC) to halt what he termed "the virtual deregulation of natural gas prices for the next six months."

He said that a little-publicized ruling of the FPC will result in millions of dollars of added costs to natural gas consumers.

Harrington joined Consumers Union, publisher of "Consumers Reports"; Ralph Nader's Public Citizen group; Sen. James Abourezk (D-S.D.); and US Rep. George Brown (D-Calif.) in seeking a permanent injunction in Federal Court for the District of Columbia.

The ruling of Sept. 14 authorizes "emergency" sales of natural gas at any price producers and pipeline owners may negotiate until March 15, 1974, after which the FPC will consider possible extensions. Prior to the ruling, such sales were permitted for only 60 days and requested extensions were subject to advance public notice and allowance for consumer intervention.

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People and places

HARVEY BROWER, Lawrence lawyer and legal counsel for reputed New England crime boss Raymond Patriarca, has been a sensation at DK's Lounge in Methuen. An accomplished drummer, Brower has been sitting in with the musical groups which appear at the lounge, and patrons say Brower is terrific.

Speaking of DK's, the proprietor of the night spot, **DONALD KILEY**, has returned from several days in Las Vegas where, he says, he goes every so often to unwind. Las Vegas is a popular place with a number of Lawrencians.

SEEN AT CITY HALL in Lawrence: A decal in the elevator, with the message—"Keep your city clean. Eat a pigeon."

SEEN ON LINWOOD AVENUE, Methuen: A sign on a crumpled-up and flattened trash barrel next to nice new ones—"Take me away. I've done my job."

Local sports fans would be wise to keep their eyes on a couple of **CAMMARATA** boys—Jo-Jo, who's 11, and his brother, Tony, 14. Lawrence's Squirt Hockey League is bracing for the arrival this season of Jo-Jo, a Rollins School fifth-grader who last season was the Pee-wee League's premier player. Meanwhile, Tony, an eighth-grader at the Pike School in Andover, continues as a triple-threat athlete, excelling in soccer, hockey and baseball. The boys are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo P. Cammarata, 212 High St., Lawrence.

The 50th wedding anniversary of **MR AND MRS.**

JOSEPH PUGLISI, 207 Prospect St., Lawrence, didn't go unnoticed. Far from it. Last Saturday night, their daughter, Mrs. Sadie Piazza, and son-in-law, Sal Piazza, both of Lawrence, surprised the Puglisis with a dinner party at a downtown restaurant. Among those on hand for the event were Mrs. Puglisi's sister, Mrs. Alfia D'Agata Badolato of North Andover and Mrs. Puglisi's brother, Rev. Dominic DiGuardo, ASCAP, of Elizabeth, N.J. Asked the secret of a long marriage, Mrs. Puglisi said: "Love, what else?"

ARTHUR FLYNN, ex-boxer and onetime radio personality, has joined the staff of US Rep. Paul Cronin (R-Andover) and will man Cronin's Lawrence office.

ERNEST MACK, **SMITH B. WILLIAMS**, **THOMAS DORSEY**: Whenever anybody

wants to know anything about the history of the Methuen, he usually goes to one of these three residents.

RICHARD CHASE, former health officer in Salem, N.H., has enrolled in the US Navy's flight officer's training program.

CAROL ST. HILAIRE, 142 Bradford St., Lawrence, says that her cat "Bradford's Black-Py wacki" (named Miss

Massachusetts Cat) will be on Rex Trailer's television show on Oct. 13 (Saturday) on Channel 4 from 7 to 8 a.m.

EDWARD MEAGHER of Elm Street, Andover, has been reappointed one of four coordinators for the open college program at Salem State College, where he is an assistant professor of philosophy. The program lets students work according to individual speed and need.

Methuen meetings

Marston's Corner
TONIGHT: 8 o'clock, Town Hall, public hearing concerning traffic problem Marston's Corner. Bruce Campbell, commissioner of Public Works Dept., will be present. Connector ramps will also be discussed.

Rent Control
TUESDAY: 7:30 p.m., town hall, public hearing on rent control; Legislative Committee.

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In the Salem and Derry area, the company has been providing, without the need for roof antennas, reception for Channel 6 (Portland), Channel 27 (Worcester), Channel 9 (Manchester, N.H.), Channel 11 (Durham, N.H.), Channel 8 (Poland Springs, Maine), Channel 10 (Providence), along with regular Channels 2, 4, 5, 7, 38 and 56.

Operation of cable television in Lawrence, Andover, North Andover and Methuen has been delayed for some years, but is expected to be in operation in a few months.

League starts fund drive

The Andover League of Women Voters begins its annual fund drive tomorrow.

League members will be soliciting from their membership, private citizens and local businessmen for support of League programs.

The League this year aided in registration of new voters and published voter information.

The League will sponsor local candidates' nights and publish information about the candidates.

Some League members helped to plan redistricting so that Andover will have its own representative.

Citizen sues Methuen

The town of Methuen is being sued by one of its citizens.

Joan Hall is bringing the town to Small Claims Court on Nov. 19. She says the town owes her \$87.55 for damage done to her car one dark night about a month ago.

She says that when she ran over a raised manhole cover the muffler and tailpipes of her car were badly damaged. Although there were smudge pots around the manhole cover, the town's public works dept. had neglected to light them that evening, she says, and she did not see the cover until it was too late.

"I figured that since it was because of their negligence, it was the town's responsibility to pay," says Mrs. Hall.

She says the DPW has allowed the streets to remain in a "deplorable condition."

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doomed. The impact of the movie comes from the way a young man deals with death. The movie is based on a novel by Mark Harris.

NIGHTWATCH. Elizabeth Taylor plays a wealthy Englishwoman who thinks she is going out of her mind. Haunting her is the death of her former husband who perished in a car crash. With

him at the time was a young woman who probably never said no to anything. Not a bad movie if you like Elizabeth Taylor. A chiller. Laurence Harvey plays a good role as her unctuous second husband.

HEAVY TRAFFIC. Ralph Bakshi's cartoon feature (his first was "Fritz the Cat") mixes animation with some live action about a young New York cartoonist who, while playing the pinball machine, wanders

off in never-never land. A lot of low taste in the film, but interesting.

COPS AND ROBBERS. About two New York cops who outwit some crooks and make a million apiece. A funny film.

THE HIRELING. British film about a chauffeur who thinks the lady he is driving around is as mad for him as he is for her. When he learns he has deluded himself, he goes into a frenzy, and that frenzy makes the whole movie worth watching.

LE SEX SHOP. French flick about a bookstore owner who turns his store into a warehouse of smut, and the owner tries to join the swinging set. Funny in parts, but mostly boring.


THE SLAMS. The star is Jim Brown, a super-black who rips off the mafia. Much violence, some stunning assaults, gory killings, and plenty of sadism. A stupid movie.

OKLAHOMA CRUDE. A slow-moving but inoffensive story of a girl who wears army boots, hates everybody, and fights the Company to keep her lone oil well. The best part of the movie is George C. Scott's performance.

TOUCH OF CLASS. A very funny, very touching little movie starring married George Segal at his handsome best, and Glenda Jackson as the "other woman." The movie starts out wildly, but all the soft-hearted ones in the audience will be shedding tears by its conclusion.

THE OTHER. A nicely filmed version of Thomas Tryon's best selling ghost story. Creates a certain spooky atmosphere, but lacks heart and is mainly a bore.

ELECTRA GLIDE IN BLUE. The actor in the starring role is Robert Blake who plays a runt of a cop who's a maniac about his manhood and desperately wants to be assigned to homicide instead of to a motorcycle (Electra Glide is the brand name of his cycle). The setting is Arizona, and the miracle of the movie is that Blake is brilliant in what seems a mindless role. The producer and director is William Guercio. Well worth seeing.

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Andover women locked out of jail

By DEBORAH FITTS

Two Andover women say they have seen the angry side of Suffolk County Sheriff Thomas S. Eisenstadt.

But they probably won't see it again. They have been barred from any further visits to the sheriff's Charles Street Jail.

When Clare Gillingham and Rebecca Sykes went to the jail recently, they intended to spend the evening as volunteers, chatting with the women inmates, trying to make them feel a bit better about themselves and about their situation.

Instead, when they arrived the guard told them they could not go in. Master of the jail Harold Langlois later told Mrs. Gillingham, she says, that they were barred on "an edict from the sheriff."

The pair was banished because Eisenstadt is vindictive about the night of Sept. 19, says Mrs. Gillingham.

On that night Mrs. Gillingham made one of her weekly visits to the jail as a volunteer. She has made over a hundred such visits since she spent time there as a prisoner—a week's sentence for blocking the entrance to Hanscom Field in an anti-war rally in 1971.

And on many of those visits, she says, she and the sheriff exchanged a few friendly words.

But not the other night.

Mrs. Gillingham brought a new volunteer, Rebecca Sykes. Mrs. Sykes is a recent graduate of Radcliffe College, where she majored in African Studies. Mrs. Gillingham says she felt that Mrs. Sykes would be a good addition to the volunteers, particularly with the black inmates.

Before the two could go into the jail that night, the guard made them fill out some forms—the kind given to inmates' relatives. She says she asked the guard if it was the proper form for

volunteers. She had only rarely been asked to sign anything before entering and none of the people she had brought with her had ever had to fill out forms.

Inside the jail the two volunteers met Sheriff Eisenstadt in the courtyard.

Mrs. Gillingham asked him, "quite casually," she says, if there was a new rule about volunteers signing this form.

The women said the sheriff was abrupt and asked her how she expected to enter his jail without signing a form. Or was she now being critical of the guards for not doing their duty before by having her fill out a form each time she entered. He asked her if she wanted to lodge a complaint against the guards.

The sheriff ordered them to come to his office before they left that night, says Mrs. Gillingham. Mrs. Sykes says they were confused by the Sheriff's reaction. It seemed so uncalled-for, they thought at first that he might have been joking.

"But it seemed a strange kind of humor," says Mrs. Sykes. The Sheriff had not been smiling.

They did not stay long with the inmates that evening, but it was long enough for Mrs. Sykes to feel appreciated. She promised one woman a book of African folk tales. A 17-year-old girl told her, "I hope you come back next week."

But Mrs. Sykes wouldn't be back.

The few minutes that the two women spent with the Sheriff convinced them, they say, that the sheriff harbors some very unpleasant thoughts. They seemed to come tumbling out, as though the sheriff was out of control, says Mrs. Gillingham. "His thinking came to the surface," she says.

"I had the impression he was wound up," says Mrs. Sykes. "He had things he wanted to say and he was determined to get those things said. And glad to be able to do it."

He asked them if they thought they had "some sort of monopoly on goodness and decency," says Mrs. Sykes. She says he treated them with contempt, and cut them off when they tried to talk. Mrs. Gillingham says he noted her two years of volunteer work at the jail with a sarcastic "Thank you very much." All in all, they say, the Sheriff seemed to be getting something off his chest.

Eisenstadt told the Journal that it was the women who stirred up the trouble, that Mrs. Gillingham came to him "very, very upset and irate" about having to fill out a form. He says she "barged" into his office although he had asked the women to wait outside that night, until he was through talking with a prisoner. He reminded the Journal that Mrs. Gillingham has a criminal record (blocking the entrance to Hanscom Field). "But," he says, "you can believe those women if you want to."

Mrs. Sykes says that after the incident in the sheriff's office she decided to return to the jail.

But she never made it through the door.

Jailmaster Langlois told the Journal that the jail is cutting down on volunteers. He said he did not know how many volunteers were being cut, or who would know.

Sister Mary Christine, head of the volunteer corps, does not know either. No one has told her that some of her volunteers are going to be barred from the jail.

Langlois could not explain why another volunteer was allowed in after Mrs. Gillingham and Mrs. Sykes were barred that night. He denied that the Sheriff was singling out the two women.

The inmates are the losers in all this, says Mrs. Gillingham. Of the Sheriff she says, "It's so amazing he doesn't care about the people in there."

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Boone, now a prof, says he knows why he got fired at Walpole

The following article is the result of an exclusive Journal interview with Mr. Boone.

Former Massachusetts Corrections Commissioner John Boone knows why he was fired by Governor Francis Sargent last June.

"I represented too much change too fast," he says.

Boone more or less dropped out of sight during the summer, and no one, including the Boston press that watched him so vigilantly during his 17 months as commissioner, seemed to know where he was.

For some reason, most people thought he had retreated to Ohio, but he is still right in Boston. Boone is a visiting professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and at the law school at Boston University. He taught a class last year at the Boston University graduate school of social work.

After his firing last spring, Boone decided not to accept any other job offer in the corrections field. (He was asked to interview for the job of corrections commissioner Delaware, and could have gone back to the Federal Prison System in Washington, he says.) Instead, he is working to form what he calls a National Coalition for Corrections Change, a private group of students, correction people and others interested in prison reform. "The new Mass. superintendent needs a constituency out here— I want to help him whether he wants it or not. When I really needed people, they just weren't there," Boone says.

Boone, who stands 6'2" with his Afro, now makes his office on Bay State Road, and although he is involved with students, deans, teachers, and classes, he still has prisons and his former job on his mind.

Sitting in his large, sunny office in the middle of academia, the 53 year-old prison reformer says he feels no bitterness toward Sargent, who wanted to go "all the way" with him, but couldn't when he turned out to be a political liability.

Boone says he feels frustrated that Sargent would not see him during the three weeks before his firing. "They (meaning Sargent's advisors) wouldn't let me get to him," Boone says. "I think he took their bad advice."

However, he says he understands that next year is an election year, and he and his so-called liberal prison policies made him one of the most controversial figures in the state.

Which leads Boone to the point that only when corrections reform is completely divorced from politics, particularly partisan politics, can anything constructive happen.

"Let me tell you the great tragedy in this state— no one will admit it, but when I got here I found poor record-keeping, poor work habits, guards working to different jobs, patronage, cronyism, and no money to develop a system. They expected me to set up a system overnight— they expected me to perform a miracle with no money and no support. They gave me 17 months and said, 'Make a bureaucracy out of this'."

Boone says the Establishment and many Massachusetts citizens just aren't comfortable with anything new— like letting lifers (people in jail for life) out on furlough.

He says people tend to lump all prisoners together— to many a murderer is a murderer, and by definition is incapable of rehabilitation.

The so-called crimes of passion, when husbands kill their wives and vice versa, and friends kill each other during an argument, are considered by many the same as willful, premeditated murder.

"People who do something in a fit of anger, passion, or emotion are not out there on the streets lurking around waiting to kill someone else," he says. "To many, the person who commits a crime of passion is the same as the Boston Strangler."

Boone says there is a large population of prisoners who are in for life on "the installment plan." These are the people who make it a habit of shoplifting, burglarizing, and robbing, and who are in and out of prison at a cost to the taxpayer of \$10,000 a year per criminal.

"This is a worse person—he can hurt you while he's doing his crime. He's worse than the person who killed his wife or husband, and won't ever hurt anybody again," he says.

Yet it's the installment plan people who get all the privileges, and it's unjust, Boone says.

"Even the wardens know the person who commits the crime of passion is the better human being. They tend to get the best prison jobs, and behave the best, because they know they have one chance to serve 15 or 20 years and hope their sentence is commuted."

Boone feels that among the biggest problems facing Massachusetts prisons, and all prisons for that matter, are the guards.

"After their last illegal work stoppage (sick-out) last March," he says, "it was clear a lot of people didn't want to mess with those guards. You have to let them know who's boss if you want to change the system."

Boone says the guards today, particularly on the 3 to 11 p.m. shift, are young, aggressive, and have a law-and-order attitude. This middle shift is the most troublesome, he says, because it's the only time of day when the prisoners aren't working or sleeping.

He says a lot of the guards haven't awakened to the fact that the courts have said prisoners have to be treated decently and humanely.

"I was all ready to fire 50 guards last March after the sick-out, but that was too hot for the politicians to handle," he says. "The guards said they were protesting a lack of control, but I know prisoners who say they have to carry a knife in jail to protect



John Boone

themselves because the guards won't protect them."

"We have an archaic, neglected, in-shambles corrections department which is going to take a long time to correct. In the meantime, there's the possibility of riots and deaths in the prisons. I wanted a union for prisoners so they could get their point across without throwing rocks and firebombs," Boone says.

Boone himself was a guard in an Atlanta jail 20 years ago. He says he chose the job even though he had a master's degree in psychological social work. He stayed in Atlanta for 13 years, and left after being promoted to casework supervisor, and then the chief of classifications and parole.

"It tickles me to have people say I couldn't manage the prisons— I managed in Atlanta when no black man could manage unless he was perfect," he says.

Boone says part of the reason he's teaching this year, besides the fact that he likes students and finds them stimulating, is that he's "sick of prisons."

"I'm not interested in warehousing people— the longer they stay in prison, the worse they get. The best place for a

person to learn how to be a criminal is in prison," he says.

Boone says he left the Washington, D.C. prison system in 1971 after being offered a job by Sargent. He says Washington had an average of 10 escapes a year while he was there, and the year after he left, the number of escapes had risen to 80.

In Massachusetts, he says, his accomplishments, considering the up-hill fight he was waging, were significant.

"The prison population was 3,500 when I came, it was 1,700 when I left; we have a progressive parole board now; I established the Boston State Hospital Pre-Release Center and a 50-bed drug treatment program in Shirley; I set up resident treatment centers in Cambridge and Boston run privately so they wouldn't turn into little jails; and I implemented the furlough deals," he points out.

"The acuteness of the political atmosphere is what got me— I think it's very, very sad," he says. "Instead of getting better in prison, the guys get hateful and come out worse. When they present a list of demands, they never ask for out, they ask for human decency," he says.

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Happenings

Author to lecture
Eda J. LeShan, author and child psychologist, will speak on "The Conspiracy against Childhood" on Oct. 17 (Wednesday) at 8 p.m. at the Middle School in North Andover. The title of her talk is taken from one of her books. Reservations may be made with Children's Protective Services, 430 Canal St., Lawrence.

Theater party
Presentation of Mary Academy Ladies Guild will sponsor a champagne theater party tomorrow beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Oktoberfest
The Lawrence Exchange Club is holding an Oktoberfest this Saturday and Sunday from 2 p.m. to midnight at the Lawrence municipal parking lot near Central Bridge. Featured will be German food and beer and the music of the Brauhaus Band.

Precinct 3 meeting
Methuen Councillors William Carroll and Peter Sotera have called a Precinct 3 meeting for Oct. 17 (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. at Ashford School.

Annual jamboree
Lawrence British Club Auxiliary will hold its annual jamboree tomorrow at 8 p.m. at 80 Cambridge.

John Birch speaker
The local John Birch Society chapter is presenting a lecture

tomorrow at 8 p.m. at Gaythorne Hall in Methuen. Speaker is Gavin Bitzer. The lecture: "Behine Classroom Doors—How Truth is Being Destroyed."

Dem-Boller
Women Democrats of the Merrimack Valley will hold their annual "Dem-Boller" on Monday at 8 p.m. at the Rendezvous Restaurant in Methuen. Speaker will be David Tibbetts, newly elected president of the Young Democrats of Lawrence.

Package Store Assn.
The Methuen Package Store Assn. will meet Oct. 28 (Sunday) from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Gaythorne Hall in Methuen. Lawrence package store owners have been invited to attend.

Dinner—dance
Lawrence Post 1549 VFW will hold a dinner—dance at the Methuen VFW hall on River Street, Methuen, on Oct. 20 (Saturday) at 6:30 p.m. Those in charge of reservations: Theodore Eaton, 71 Bailey St., and Frank Bradley, 6 Vandergrift St.

Thomas Atkins
The League of Women Voters of Andover, North

Andover and Methuen has invited the public to hear Secretary Thomas I. Atkins speak on the subject "Land Use, What are the Priorities?" The meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct. 11 at the Greater Lawrence Regional Technical High School Lectorium, River Road, West Andover at 7:30 p.m.

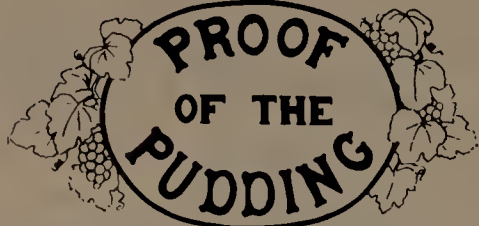
Spaghetti supper
The North Andover Youth Hockey League will sponsor a spaghetti supper at the town's VFW Hall, Oct. 20 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Annual ball
The Lawrence Administrators Assn. will hold its first annual

ball on Oct. 26 (Friday) at Central Catholic Auditorium. An award to the school department of the year will be made.

Plainsmen
The Plainsmen Assn. will hold a dinner-dance on Nov. 3

(Saturday) at the Christian Formation Center in West Andover. Dinner is at 7:30 p.m.
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A black in white Andover

By SUSAN BATTLES

Virginia Finnagan has a bachelor's degree in elementary education, but punches a cash register at DeMoulas to support her family.

She is also one of a handful of black women living in suburban Andover.

The two may not seem to be related until Mrs. Finnagan points out that she has been in

and out of the Andover school department regularly during the past seven years looking for a teaching job which she never got.

Mrs. Finnagan says she applied for a job under former school superintendent Edward Erickson and former assistant superintendent Vaughn Clapp, but was told there were no vacancies.

She says she went to see the present superintendent, Kenneth R. Seifert, once, not to apply for a job (she had given up, she says), but to discuss curriculum changes in the system.

"He took one look at me, saw I was black, and said, 'I haven't got time to worry about Negro-ology.' I said

neither do I, I'm not here for that—I'm here to discuss humanology."

Mrs. Finnagan said she went to Seifert to see about putting a black history course into the curriculum, but was told to discuss her ideas with the teachers, and if they felt a course was required, they would see him about it.

Seifert says he never made

the statement about not being interested in Negro-ology. He says he did send Mrs. Finnagan to the social studies people with her ideas, but doesn't know what became of them.

"It's not a question of my being anti-black studies," he says. "Before I came to Andover I was chairman of an integration committee in Las Vegas—I've always been a

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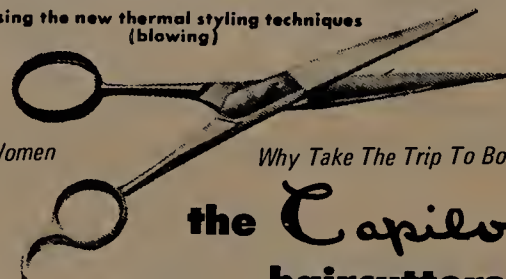
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MRS. FINNAGAN lives in the white world of Andover. A teacher by training, she works at the check-out counter in DeMoulas. (Tom Meade photo)



staunch supporter of civil rights," he adds.

Mrs. Finnagan says, "I stopped applying because I know I wouldn't fit into the Andover school system. I practice taught at Central School, graduated from Punchard High School, Andover East Junior High, and the John Dove Grammar School (which has since been torn down)."

"I'm cashiering at DeMoulas because I've given up hitting my head against a stone wall that wasn't budging—and that's spelled E-S-T-A-B-L-I-S-H-M-E-N-T," she laughs. "You can't convince someone he's wrong even if he is—I'm not going to any more school committee meetings or any alternative school meetings at the library because I've already been that route."

Mrs. Finnagan says she sometimes thinks her views are more to blame than her blackness when it comes to being rejected by Andover's academia.

"It seems I'm always on the wrong side of the question. For example, I think alternative schools are great; I also see a lot of things wrong with the

town's ABC (A Better Chance) program even though nobody else does," she says.

Mrs. Finnagan says she doesn't want to jeopardize the ABC program because it does what it purports to do—give black kids a good education in a good school system.

"But people want the kids to become assimilated into white society—even if for only three or four years—and it's not possible. They're saying 'Leave your system and enter ours.'"

Mrs. Finnagan says she felt angry about something for a long time, and finally found out she was angry at being born black in a white society. "I eventually realized it isn't important—being angry is futile. I've gone beyond that point, and instead of working on my blackness, I'm working on my humanness, which is really gratifying."

About DeMoulas, Mrs. Finnagan says, "It's a job, I don't use my brain, and all I have to do is see that my fingers hit the right keys. I'm divorced and I have to work."

"I wouldn't take a job in the Andover school system now even if it were offered to me. My head is sore from beating,

and the system is too locked in. They drum out the best teachers, the ones that are free thinking—it's a shame."

Mrs. Finnagan says she was subject to racial bigotry as a child in the Andover system, and she knows her children are subject to it today, although in a more subtle way.

"I've never really forgiven or forgotten my first grade teacher who wouldn't let me play in the Christmas pageant. I was very often ignored by teachers who thought they were being subtle. The only teacher who ever treated me like a human being was Miss Stevens (Beatrice Stevens, retired high school English teacher)," she says.

"Andover forgets it's a multi-racial world, and there's no excuse for it even though there aren't many black families in town," Mrs. Finnagan says.

In 1968 she "gave up on secular situations and retreated to the United Church of Christ in West Andover."

Mrs. Finnagan has worked out a five-year master's degree program for herself, aiming at either a M.S. in clinical psychology or an M.A. in Sacred Theology. She wants to

eventually become a hospital chaplain.

Mrs. Finnagan says she accidentally became interested in that field. At a church conference in Washington, D.C. two years ago, she ended up at the wrong breakfast. "I knew I wasn't recognizing a lot of people, and I finally realized I was at a chaplains' breakfast. They started talking about the psychology of people who have operations—if they're mentally ready for it, they heal more quickly. I thought it was an interesting idea, but I laid it to rest for a long time."

Mrs. Finnagan has six children, five daughters and a son. One of her daughters is married to a former Andover ABC student, and another daughter and her husband and two children just got burned out of their apartment in Roxbury. The four arrived on Mrs. Finnagan's doorstep at 4:30 one morning.

So the house on Cuba Street in Andover where Mrs. Finnagan has lived for 10 years is bursting with activity. Her children range in age from seven year-old Jodi to 22 year-old Layne (whose house burned).

Her philosophy towards her children is to make them "as tough as nails."

"I want them to fight their own battles—I don't give them much sympathy because sympathy is debilitating. I want them to be able to cope with almost anything."

Mrs. Finnagan says she considered leaving white Andover for a black community, but decided to stay because her children wanted to. "All their friends are here," she says.

Although her children are reasonably happy in the school system, they have their problems like any other kid who is different, she says.

"Any kid, from the girl who wants to play football to the boy who wants to play the violin, has problems in Andover schools. They don't make allowances for the individual, only for the masses," she says.

"The differences between blacks and whites are ignored which magnifies them and the similarities are never capitalized on, so the gulf gets wider," Mrs. Finnagan says.

"Andover has a lot of homework to do, fellas," she says.

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Sporting life

Patriot offensive tackle Bob Reynolds threw a "togetherness party" for his teammates last Friday night.

Last Sunday, the Miami Dolphins threw a head-hunting party at Reynolds and his chums in the Orange Bowl.

Actually Reynolds' party was not a bad idea, and Sunday's Patriot loss to the Super Bowl champs could have been a lot worse. In fact, both events should be a source of some encouragement for New England football fans.

Reynolds is a journeyman lineman who has been around

the gridiron wars for a while. Apparently all that banging every Sunday has not impaired his capacity to think logically. He decided that with all the changes on the Pats roster just prior to the opening of the season, the players simply did not know enough about each other as individuals — as unpadded human beings — and that a social get-together for the whole team was in order.

It made sense and it may have had an effect on Sunday's contest, which, to the surprise of many, the Foxboro 11 was in until the last five minutes.

They ended up losing by 21 points but, clearly, Miami did not play 21 points better than New England. The Patriots played stubborn ball, at times inspired ball. But, in the end, the locals made too many familiar mistakes, with special emphasis on fumbles.

The Pats return to Foxboro this Sunday to take on the no-longer-great Baltimore Colts and this could be the week for the locals to break into the victory column.

The Colts feature a rookie quarterback, Bert Jones, and a supporting cast of mostly new

faces. They had trouble with hapless New Orleans last week before coming out on top.

This Sunday in Foxboro is not likely to be one of the classic National Football League contests of the decade, but it is likely to provide New England with win number one of the '73 campaign — say by a touchdown or so.

Now that Bob Reynolds has introduced everyone, he is said to be itching to toss a victory party. The budding host should get his chance Sunday night.

The Mets
Meanwhile it's hard to

believe that baseball is still being played and will be for another couple of weeks.

The Mets finally captured the badly frayed flag in the National League eastern division. For a while it appeared that they might have to award the title to the league's umpiring corps as none of the six teams seemed very serious about going after it.

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